(c) and (d) No such proposal to replace the PDS is under consideration at present. However, the Government has launched many schemes, including employment generating schemes, for the welfare of the poor.

List of criminals furnished by Pakistan

819. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has provided any list of alleged Pakistani criminals who were illegally staying in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH) (a) No, Sir.

In public Pakistani leaders have been making statements to the effect that Pakistan plans to handover its own list of wanted Pakistani criminals allegedly residing in India. These are clearly propagandist ploys by Pakistan to divert attention from the fact that it has not taken any action on the list of 20 fugitives from law handed over to them by India on 31st December 2001.

(b) does not arise.

Agenda of PoK in Indo-Pak talk

820. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported statement appearing in the Telegraph on 4th February, 2002 that when the talks begin with Pakistan on Kashmir, the issue of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir would top the agenda;

(b) if so, whether the Prime Minister's reported statement signals a new emphasis in the strategy;

(c) whether this aspect of Kashmir dispute has been formally communicated to the authorities in Pakistan; and

(d) if so, their reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH) (a) Yes, Sir. Government have seen the report appearing in the Telegraph on 4th February 2002.